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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Cancelled)

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher according to claim ~~140~~, wherein the inclination angle relative to the peripheral wall is approximately 35 degrees.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher according to claim ~~140~~, wherein the basket is movably mounted to the tub for movement between a stored position, where the basket is completely received within the wash chamber, and a load position, where at least a portion of the basket extends beyond the ~~open face of the~~ wash chamber.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher according to claim ~~140~~, wherein the adjustable utensil carrier is moveable to a cleaning position where the adjustable utensil carrier is at an acute angle relative to the bottom of the basket to form the angle of inclination.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 4, wherein the adjustable utensil carrier comprises a support wall that is moveable between a stored position generally perpendicular to the bottom of the basket and the cleaning position.

Claim 6. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 5, wherein the support wall is pivotally mounted to the basket.

Claim 7. (Original) The dishwasher according to claim 6, wherein the support wall is hingedly mounted to the peripheral wall.

Claim 8. (Original) The dishwasher according to claim 5, wherein the support wall comprises a wire frame wall.

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Claim 9. (Withdrawn) The dishwasher according to claim 8, wherein the wire frame wall spans the utensil holding space.

Claim 10. (Withdrawn) The dishwasher according to claim 9, wherein the peripheral wall comprises opposing side walls and the wire frame wall extends between the opposing side walls.

Claim 11. (Withdrawn) The dishwasher according to claim 10, and further comprising at least one detent latch mounted to one of the side walls and the detent latch having a detent in which a portion of the side wall is received to hold the wire frame wall in the cleaning position.

Claim 12. (Withdrawn) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the detent latch has multiple detents to define multiple use positions, with the wire frame wall forming a different acute angle relative to the bottom wall for each of the use positions.

Claim 13. (Original) The dishwasher according to claim 5, and further comprising an actuator coupling the support wall to the peripheral wall for moving the support wall into the cleaning position.

Claim 14. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 13, wherein the actuator comprises an over-center latch for holding the support wall in a use position.

Claim 15. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 14, wherein the actuator comprises a pivot mechanism comprising a lever, a pivot, and at least one cam, the pivot being pivotably attached to the adjustable utensil carrier, the lever adapted to extend from the pivot into the adjustable utensil carrier, and the at least one cam adapted to extend from the pivot to engage the basket, the pivot mechanism being pivotable between a first pivot position and a second pivot position corresponding to the cleaning position.

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Claim 16. (Original) The dishwasher according to claim 15, wherein the support wall defines an adjustable utensil carrier having a utensil holding space adapted to support a cooking utensil within the utensil holding space.

Claim 17. (Original) The dishwasher according to claim 16, wherein, in the first pivot position, the lever extends into the utensil support space and the at least one cam is below the pivot, and in the second pivot position, the lever is retracted away from the utensil support space and the at least one cam is above the pivot to form the over-center latch.

Claim 18. (Original) The dishwasher according to claim 17, wherein, in the first pivot position, the lever extends into the utensil support space and the at least one cam is below the lever, and in the second pivot position, the lever is retracted away from the utensil support space and the at least one cam is above the lever.

Claim 19. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 18 wherein placement of the cooking utensil in the adjustable utensil carrier pivots the lever and the at least one cam from the first pivot position to the second pivot position, and the adjustable utensil carrier from a first rack position to a second rack position.

Claim 20. (Original) The dishwasher according to claim 5, wherein the support wall defines a utensil support space adapted to support a cooking utensil within the utensil holding space.

Claim 21. (Cancelled)

Claim 22. (Currently Amended) The basket according to claim ~~21~~42, wherein the inclination angle relative to the peripheral wall is 35 degrees.

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Claim 23. (Currently Amended) The basket according to claim ~~21~~42, wherein the adjustable utensil carrier is moveable to a cleaning position where the adjustable utensil carrier is at an acute angle relative to the bottom of the basket to form the angle of inclination.

Claim 24. (Previously Presented) The basket according to claim 23, wherein the adjustable utensil carrier comprises a support wall that is moveable between a stored position generally perpendicular to the bottom of the basket and the cleaning position.

Claim 25. (Previously Presented) The basket according to claim 24, wherein the support wall is pivotally mounted to the basket.

Claim 26. (Previously Presented) The basket according to claim 25, wherein the support wall is hingedly mounted to the peripheral wall.

Claim 27. (Previously Presented) The basket according to claim 24, wherein the support wall comprises a wire frame wall.

Claim 28. (Withdrawn) The basket according to claim 27, wherein the wire frame wall spans the utensil holding space.

Claim 29. (Withdrawn) The basket according to claim 28, wherein the peripheral wall comprises opposing side walls and the wire frame wall extends between the opposing side walls.

Claim 30. (Withdrawn) The basket according to claim 29, and further comprising at least one detent latch mounted to one of the side walls and the detent latch having a detent in which a portion of the side wall is received to hold the wire frame wall in the cleaning position.

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Claim 31. (Withdrawn) The basket according to claim 30, wherein the detent latch has multiple detents to define multiple use positions, with the wire frame wall forming a different acute angle relative to the bottom wall for each of the use positions.

Claim 32. (Previously Presented) The basket according to claim 24, and further comprising an actuator coupling the support wall to the peripheral wall for moving the support wall into the cleaning position.

Claim 33. (Previously Presented) The basket according to claim 32, wherein the actuator comprises an over-center latch for holding the support wall in a use position.

Claim 34. (Previously Presented) The basket according to claim 33, wherein the actuator comprises a pivot mechanism comprising a lever, a pivot, and at least one cam, the pivot being pivotably attached to the adjustable utensil carrier, the lever adapted to extend from the pivot into the adjustable utensil carrier, and the at least one cam adapted to extend from the pivot to engage the basket, the pivot mechanism being pivotable between a first pivot position and a second pivot position corresponding to the cleaning position.

Claim 35. (Previously Presented) The basket according to claim 34, wherein the support wall defines an adjustable utensil carrier having a utensil holding space adapted to support a cooking utensil within the utensil holding space.

Claim 36. (Previously Presented) The basket according to claim 35, wherein, in the first pivot position, the lever extends into the utensil support space and the at least one cam is below the pivot, and in the second pivot position, the lever is retracted away from the utensil support space and the at least one cam is above the pivot to form the over-center latch.

Claim 37. (Previously Presented) The basket according to claim 36, wherein, in the first pivot position, the lever extends into the utensil support space and the at least one cam is below

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the lever, and in the second pivot position, the lever is retracted away from the utensil support space and the at least one cam is above the lever.

Claim 38. (Previously Presented) The basket according to claim 37 wherein placement of the cooking utensil in the adjustable utensil carrier pivots the lever and the at least one cam from the first pivot position to the second pivot position, and the adjustable utensil carrier from a first rack position to a second rack position.

Claim 39. (Previously Presented) The basket according to claim 24, wherein the support wall defines a utensil support space adapted to support a cooking utensil within the utensil holding space.

Claim 40. (New) A dishwasher for washing dishes, comprising:

- a tub comprising a peripheral wall defining a wash chamber;
- a basket positionable within the wash chamber, and comprising a bottom wall, and a peripheral wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall to define a utensil holding space;
- a water spray assembly located within the wash chamber such that the water spray assembly sprays liquid into the utensil holding space through the bottom wall of the basket;
- at least one side sprayer located in the wash chamber such that the at least one side sprayer sprays liquid laterally into the utensil holding space; and
- an adjustable utensil carrier located within the utensil holding space and adjustable for relative movement between a first position, where a food contact surface of a utensil carried by the utensil carrier is primarily directed toward the spray from one of the water spray assembly and the at least one side sprayer, and a second position, where the food contact surface is directed toward the spray from both the water spray assembly and the at least one side sprayer.

Claim 41. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 40, wherein the utensil carrier is rotated about a horizontal axis to move the utensil carrier between the first position and the second

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position, wherein in the first position the utensil carrier forms a first inclination angle and in the second position the utensil carrier forms a second inclination angle that is different than the first inclination angle.

Claim 42. (New) A basket for a dishwasher comprising at least one side sprayer and a rotating water spray assembly for washing utensils, the basket comprising:

a bottom wall;

a peripheral wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall to define a utensil holding space for holding utensils placed in the basket for washing; and

an adjustable utensil carrier located within the utensil holding space and adjustable for relative movement between a first position, where a food contact surface of a utensil carried by the utensil carrier is primarily directed toward the spray from one of the water spray assembly and the at least one side sprayer, and a second position, where the food contact surface is directed toward the spray from both the water spray assembly and the at least one side sprayer.